

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

## BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1921.

(255TH ANNUAL REPORT.)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Mendon for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1921, submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums, viz:—

To cash received State Treasurer Corporation Tax .....	\$144 49
To cash received State Treasurer Income Tax, 1921 .....	441 28
To cash received State Treasurer, Income Tax, School Fund .....	1,075 00
To cash received National Bank Tax .....	839 14
To cash received State Treasurer, Street Railway Tax .....	24 91
To cash received State Treasurer, High School Tuition .....	500 00
To cash received State Treasurer, State Aid .....	186 00
To cash received State Treasurer, Soldiers' Exemption .....	51 30
To cash received State Treasurer, Balance on Account .....	60 12
To cash received State Treasurer, Income Tax 1920 .....	80 00
To cash received State Treasurer, School Tuition .....	231 63
To cash received State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1919 .....	16 00
To cash received Milford Savings Bank .....	12,000 00
To cash received State Treasurer Inspection of Animals .....	26 38



To cash received City of Boston, School Tuition .....	102 00
To cash received Edward A. Whiting, Rent of Town Hall .....	151 50
To cash received M. & U. Street Rail- way Co., Park License .....	100 00
To cash received, Ladies Alliance ....	15 00
To cash received, Southern District Court .....	10 00
To cash received State Treasurer, Account Superintendent of Schools	575 36
To cash received, Library fines .....	30 50
To cash received, Town Clerk for Town Annals .....	4 50
To cash received Director of Accounts	3 00
To cash received Home National Bank, Interest .....	33 14
To cash received State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Public Service 1921 .....	3 05
To cash received State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1921 .....	80 00
To cash received County Treasurer, Dog Tax .....	237 51
To cash received State Treasurer, Highway Division .....	2,150 00
To cash received County Treasurer, Highway Division .....	748 08
To cash received State Treasurer, Highway Division .....	388 03
To cash received State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1920 .....	32 00
To cash received for Grass at Town Hall .....	2 00
To cash received L. W. Holbrook, Highway Division .....	7 00

To cash received H. E. Darling, High School Fund .....	105 09	
To cash received H. E. Darling, Library Fund .....	105 10	
To cash received Milford Savings Bank, Interest .....	10 63	
To cash received G. C. Coffin, Collector	17,259 32	
To cash received G. C. Coffin, Civilian Poll Taxes .....	1,270 00	
To cash received L. T. Gaskill, Taxes 1919 and 1920 .....	1,228 93	
To cash received from $\frac{1}{2}$ fees from Hay Scales .....	16 30	
To cash received by former Treasurer	6202 35	
	<hr/>	\$46,546 64

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz:—

By paying Town orders .....	\$23,961 98	
By paying two School House notes ....	650 00	
By paying Director of Accounts .....	8 00	
By paying five Revenue notes .....	13,000 00	
By paying Milford Savings Bank, Interest .....	346 46	
By paying County Tax .....	1,125 00	
By paying State Tax .....	2,240 00	
By paying Special State Tax .....	105 60	
By paying Repairs of State Highways	46 40	
By paying Civilian War Poll Tax ....	810 00	
By paying Milford Savings Bank Interest	10 63	
By Orders paid by former Treasurer..	3,062 29	
	<hr/>	\$45,366 36
Cash in Treasury .....		\$1,180 28

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

To cash received former Treasurer....	\$851 78	
To cash received Worcester County In- stitution for Savings .....	289 97	
To cash received U. S. Liberty Bond..	500 00	
To cash received Interest Milford Savings Bank .....	38 97	
To cash received Interest Worcester County Institution for Savings ...	55 56	
To cash received Interest on Bond ....	21 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,757 53

## CR.

By cash paid one Town order .....	\$25 00	
By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank .....	887 00	
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	345 53	
By cash U. S. Liberty Bond .....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,757 53

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND.

## DR.

To amount deposited in Milford Savings Bank Jan. 1, 1921 .....	\$628 69	
To interest received on same Oct. 10, 1921 .....	28 58	
	<hr/>	\$657 27

CR.

By cash deposited in Milford Savings  
Bank .....

\$657 27

The notes against the Town January 1, 1922 are:—

2 New School Building Notes .....	\$1,000 00	
2 New School Building Notes .....	300 00	
1 Revenue Note .....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,300 00

Respectfully Submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, January 1, 1922.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of Mendon submit the following report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1921:—

### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Luther W. Holbrook, auditor ....	\$8 00
Charles H. Allen, assessor .....	115 00
Carl M. Taft, assessor .....	40 00
Samuel W. Wood, assessor .....	95 00
Arthur E. Brown, constable .....	25 00
Arthur E. Brown, dog officer ....	10 00
Frank M. Aldrich, tree warden ...	10 00
Frank M. Aldrich, moth scout ....	10 00
Charles H. Allen, clerk .....	75 00
Charles H. Allen, sealer of weights and measures, less fees .....	9 86
Herbert J. George, selectman ....	50 00
P. John Hoberg, selectman .....	35 00
Franklin E. Goodnow, selectman..	35 00
P. John Hoberg, overseer of poor	45 00
Franklin E. Goodnow, overseer of poor .....	6 00
Herbert J. George, overseer of poor	6 00
Moses U. Gaskill, treasurer .....	150 00
Frank H. Wood, moderator .....	5 00
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	\$729 86

## MOTH SCOUT.

Paid Frank M. Aldrich .....	\$126 00	
George M. Aldrich .....	114 00	
Carl M. Wilbur .....	68 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons, creosote .....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$309 75

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Paid toward support of one person in a home .....	\$72 00	
Toward support of a family in a city	365 00	
	<hr/>	\$437 00

## STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Worcester Suburban Electricity Co.	\$790 65
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## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Memorial Day Committee .....	\$56 99
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## CARE OF OLD CEMETERY.

Paid Alonzo E. Brown .....	\$51 50
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid George G. Davenport, inspecting meats .....	\$40 50	
Carl M. Taft, fumigating .....	6 00	
Roy A. Barrows, fumigating .....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 50

## STATE AID.

Paid State Aid to pensioners .....	\$144 00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Worcester Suburban Electric Co. . .	\$24 15	
H. L. Patrick Co., soda . . . . .	4 75	
Knight & Thomas, supplies . . . . .	36 24	
Payroll, Lake Nipmuc fire, April..	3 00	
C. C. Shattuck, use of auto, 3 fires	3 00	
Payroll, 3 bridges fire . . . . .	13 25	
Payroll, Nipmuc fire, June . . . . .	7 00	
Payroll, Mill River fire . . . . .	19 63	
Payroll, South Milford fire . . . . .	4 50	
Payroll, Lakeside fire . . . . .	6 00	
Payroll, Albeeville fire . . . . .	6 00	
Payroll, brush fire . . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$132 02

## TREE WARDEN.

Paid Frank M. Aldrich . . . . .	\$76 00	
William A. Barry, grab hooks . . .	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$77 50

## ROSA F. TAFT MEMORIAL TABLET.

Paid T. F. McGahan & Sons Co. . . . .	\$96 00
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## BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Herbert J. George . . . . .	\$62 00
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## ICE STORM.

Paid Joseph Saucier . . . . .	\$38 20
Wilfred Saucier . . . . .	4 40
Fred Saucier . . . . .	7 20
Francis Morrison . . . . .	9 60
George Cromb . . . . .	12 40

George Ferris .....	11 60	
John Broughy .....	3 20	
Luther Holbrook .....	9 60	
William Flooks .....	3 20	
Frank H. Wood .....	1 20	
Herbert S. Wood .....	1 60	
Fred Kempton .....	1 20	
Norry Daige .....	3 60	
Clayton Osgood .....	3 60	
Raymond Rogers .....	80	
Roland Rogers .....	80	
Frank King .....	80	
William Larking .....	6 00	
Repairs to record room .....	38 47	
George Daige .....	3 60	
J. H. Smith .....	4 40	
John J. Sullivan .....	4 00	
L. W. Brown .....	1 60	
Joseph DeCosta .....	1 60	
Dison Thebeault .....	1 60	
Peter Burnett .....	1 60	
George Cromb, ladder .....	7 75	
Joseph Lamothe .....	4 00	
Leslie Cole .....	4 00	
Eugene Cole .....	4 80	
William Robinson & Sons .....	28 00	
George Thebeault .....	1 60	
Bert Harding .....	5 60	
Ralph Harding .....	5 60	
Frank M. Aldrich .....	120 50	
G. M. Aldrich .....	77 50	
Carl M. Wilbur .....	35 00	
John Powers .....	5 00	
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		\$475 22
Alloted from emergency appropriation		\$475 22



## INCIDENTALS.

## PRINTING.

Paid Charlescraft Press, town reports ..	\$115 80	
Charlescraft Press, other printing..	24 15	
Milford Daily News .....	22 00	
Wm. P. Clark .....	12 75	
G. M. Billings .....	13 75	
M. P. Murphy .....	10 35	
Wright & Potter .....	1 05	
	<hr/>	\$199 85

## POLICE.

Paid Arthur E. Brown, court fees ....	\$62 34	
Services July 3-4 .....	4 00	
Vagrant case .....	19 00	
Batesville accident .....	24 00	
Robillard case and killing 2 dogs..	48 60	
Robbery case .....	43 50	
Frank S. Brown, services July 3-4 and Nov. 11 .....	7 00	
Robbery .....	14 00	
John J. Noyes, July 3-4 .....	4 00	
George Hemant, July 3-4 .....	4 00	
Ernest E. O'Brien, robbery .....	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$248 44

## TOWN HALL.

Paid Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	\$35 45	
Otis Whitney & Sons, attaching flag rope .....	8 35	
Edward H. Taft, wood .....	27 00	
George G. Davenport, wood .....	10 00	
Chester C. Shattuck, supplies ....	6 18	
Clark Ellis & Sons, flag rope .....	2 67	
Edward Whiting, janitor .....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$239 65

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid, Leonard G. Burr .....	\$3 00
Edwin Walsh .....	3 00

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 \$6 00

Paid Emerson & Co. ....	\$4 05
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	4 30
F. A. Gould, stove pipe and labor..	6 62
Mary E. Dudley, accident .....	176 00
John J. Lynch, legal advise .....	50 00
Clifford A. Cook, legal advise ....	22 00
Herbert J. George, insurance .....	147 74
Moses U. Gaskill, cattle inspection	52 75
H. M. Burr, paper wrappers .....	3 00
Wendell Williams, legal advise ...	10 00
A. Taylor, moving safe .....	15 00
Luther W. Holbrook, parks .....	23 00
Joseph H. Dudley, mowing parks	21 00
Lewis H. Barney Estate, coal ....	23 50
Worcester Abstract Co. ....	14 86
New England Adding Machine Co.	60 00
Carl M. Taft, auto for assessors ..	20 00
Joseph Saucier, work *on town hall lot .....	26 66
William Munsell, work on town hall lot .....	3 06
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies .....	2 80
Glenville C. Coffin, postage .....	10 00
Hobbs & Warren, book .....	4 87
Edgar White, use of auto .....	10 00
Secretary of State, register .....	2 75
W. & L. E. Gurley, sealing clamp and dies .....	8 67
Charles H. Allen, administering oaths to 30 officers .....	7 50
Charles H. Allen, recording 18 births, 12 deaths, 16 marriages	32 00

Charles H. Allen, sealing scales ..	1 00	
Charles H. Allen, postage and supplies, record room .....	7 00	
Charles H. Allen, car fare and expenses .....	2 50	
Charles H. Allen, care of record room .....	12 00	
W. A. Flannery, photographs of Batesville corner .....	10 00	
James B. Edwards, returning 2 deaths .....	50	
Walter Watson, returning 4 deaths	1 00	
Leonard T. Gaskill, use of well ..	5 00	
Making returns to Bureau of statistics .....	7 00	
Leonard T. Gaskill, postage and carfare .....	2 38	
Moses U. Gaskill, postage .....	4 10	
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		\$814 61
Total .....		\$1,508 55

The Selectmen report the liabilities and assets of the town as follows:—

#### LIABILITIES.

2 School House notes .....	\$1,000 00	
2 School House notes .....	300 00	
1 Revenue note .....	1,000 00	
Outstanding bills .....	277 38	
Salary of Collector, 3 years .....	400 00	
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		\$2,977 38

## ASSETS.

Due from State for Aid to Pensioners..	\$144 00	
From Collector, 1918 .....	70 74	
From Collector, 1919 .....	108 56	
From Collector, 1920 .....	214 00	
From Collector, 1921 .....	3,474 96	
From State on account of roads ....	103 29	
Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	1,180 28	
	<hr/>	\$5,295 83

## RECAPITULATION.

Salaries .....	\$729 86	
Support of schools .....	13,229 91	
Highways .....	6,450 80	
State aid .....	144 00	
Support of poor .....	986 76	
Taft library .....	703 61	
Moth Scout .....	309 75	
Board of Health .....	49 50	
Tree Warden .....	77 50	
Street Lights .....	790 65	
Old cemetery .....	51 50	
Memorial day .....	56 99	
Fire department .....	132 02	
Incidentals .....	1,508 55	
Soldiers' relief .....	437 00	
Ice storm .....	475 22	
Bonds .....	62 00	
Interest .....	346 46	
Payment of Town Dept .....	650 00	
Library tablet .....	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$27,298 41

## LIST OF JURORS, 1921.

George M. Aldrich,	Farmer.
Arthur P. Dalton,	Mechanic.
George M. Barrows,	Clerk.
Raymond H. Goss,	Mechanic.
Luthur W. Holbrook,	Farmer.
John A. Kelly,	Mechanic.
Charles F. Leonard,	Farmer.
Louis L. Marlow,	Moulder.
Edward Smethurst,	Mechanic.
Smith A. Steere,	Farmer.
Leonard E. Taft,	Farmer.
Harvey E. Trask,	Carpenter.
Edwin A. Walsh,	Mechanic.
William L. Munsell,	Mechanic.
Herbert S. Wood,	Farmer.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1921.

Support of Schools, including School Physician ...	\$13,000 00
Support of Poor .....	1,000 00
Taft Public Library .....	600 00
Interest .....	350 00
Payment of Town Dept .....	650 00
Incidentals .....	900 00
Salaries .....	800 00
Bonds for Town Officers .....	100 00
Board of Health .....	100 00
Fire Department .....	100 00
Soldiers' Relief .....	600 00
Memorial Day .....	65 00
General Repairs of Highways .....	850 00
Old Cemetery .....	60 00
Highways, 155 Act .....	2,150 00
Albeeville School House .....	150 00

School Nurse .....	100 00
Library Tablet .....	100 00
Street Lights, George Street .....	60 00
Street Lights, Providence Road .....	54 00
Moth Scout .....	350 00
Tree Warden .....	75 00
Street Lights .....	800 00
Highways, (improved road) .....	500 00
Emergency .....	900 00
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	\$24,439 00

From Emergency Appropriation allotted to Ice	
Storm .....	\$475 22
Alloted to Incidentals .....	424 78

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. GEORGE,  
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,  
P. JOHN HOBERG,

Selectmen of Mendon.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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1918.

DR.

To balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1921 ..	\$101 36	
Interest received .....	5 27	
Amount to 1919 collection .....	7 14	
	<hr/>	\$113 77

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer .....	\$37 55	
Abatements .....	5 48	
Amount uncollected .....	70 74	
	<hr/>	\$113 77

1919.

DR.

To balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1921 ..	\$308 00	
Interest received .....	17 56	
	<hr/>	\$325 56

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer .....	\$209 00	
Abatements .....	8 00	
Amount uncollected .....	108 56	
	<hr/>	\$325 56

1920.

DR.

To balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1921 ..	\$2,452 20	
Interest received .....	75 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,527 62

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer .....	\$2,228 62	
Abatements .....	85 00	
Amount uncollected .....	214 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,527 62

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes.

1921.

DR.

To taxes committed for collection ....	\$22,104 52	
Interest received .....	22 36	
	<hr/>	\$22,126 88

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer .....	\$18,614 32	
Abatement .....	37 60	
Amount uncollected .....	3,474 96	
	<hr/>	\$22,126 88

Respectfully submitted,

GLENVILLE C. COFFIN,

Collector of Taxes, 1921.



# HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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The Highway Surveyor submits the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1921:—

## RESOURCES.

Appropriation under Chapter 155, Acts of 1918 .....	\$4,300 00	
Appropriation for general repairs ....	850 00	
Street Railway tax .....	24 91	
	<hr/>	\$5,174 91

## EXPENDITURES.

### SNOW BILL.

Paid Luthur W. Holbrook .....	\$7 00	
William S. Larking .....	9 50	
John H. Smith .....	3 00	
Joseph Saucier (payroll) .....	85 75	
Frank Russo .....	4 00	
W. C. Robinson & Sons (payroll) ..	59 25	
Joseph Lamothe .....	5 00	
Alec Woleck .....	12 00	
William Irons .....	23 00	
Henry W. Gaskill .....	10 00	
Milo A. Gaskill .....	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$220 90

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Joseph Saucier, Highways Surveyor .....	\$487 89
Joseph Saucier, Team .....	748 00
William Irons, team .....	559 88
Percy T. Kinsley, team .....	221 00
Wm. C. Robinson & Sons, team ....	52 00
John T. Powers, team .....	15 00
George Ferris, single team .....	31 85
Joseph Saucier, tractor .....	976 25
M. F. Sullivan, truck .....	40 00
George Ferris, labor .....	118 55
George Ferris, Jr., labor .....	241 49
Lewis Holbrook, labor .....	136 07
Francis Morrison, labor .....	181 60
James Bassett, labor .....	45 50
Gus. Hagstrom, labor .....	75 25
Danice Mackneil, labor .....	26 65
Fred Saucier, labor .....	3 50
Carl M. Taft, trucking .....	15 00
The Barrett Company, tar .....	60 40
The Texas Company, oil .....	741 34
George G. Davenport, trucking ....	24 33
William A. Barry, repairs .....	27 75
Clark Ellis & Sons, tools .....	25 55
James Lilley, signs .....	10 50
Frank Marshall, repairs .....	2 00
Carl M. Taft, gravel .....	6 90
Moses U. Gaskill, gravel .....	10 80
Leonard E. Taft, gravel .....	2 70
John T. Powers, gravel .....	3 20
Herbert J. George, use of auto ....	7 00
P. John Hoberg, use of auto .....	4 00
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	\$4,905 95
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	\$5,126 85
Bill for Metal Culvert unpaid .....	\$277 38

## IMPROVED ROAD, PROVIDENCE STREET.

## RESOURCES.

Town Appropriation .....	\$500 00	
From State .....	500 00	
From County (1920 and 1921) .....	746 08	
	<hr/>	\$1,746 08

## EXPENDITURES.

Superintendent .....	\$138 13	
Tractor .....	462 50	
Teams .....	153 00	
Labor .....	336 37	
Gravel .....	45 00	
Metal Culvert .....	73 30	
Incidentals .....	55 65	
Steam Roller .....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,323 95
Total expended on the highways .....		\$6,450 81

JOSEPH R. SAUCIER,

Highway Surveyor.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1921:—

### RESOURCES.

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of one person in private family .....	\$293 71	
For support of one person in State Hospital and burial expenses	403 00	
On account of three persons assisted in their homes .....	290 05	
	<hr/>	\$986 76
Balance on hand .....		13 24
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		\$1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. JOHN HOBERG,  
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,  
HERBERT J. GEORGE,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, Mass., January 1, 1922.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

### DOGS LICENSED IN 1921.

116 Males and spayed females .....	\$232 00	
17 females .....	85 00	
		\$317 00
Less Clerk's fees .....		26 60
Cash paid County Treasurer .....		\$290 40

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1921.

Date of Birth 1921.	Name of Child.	Parents, with Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 8.	Marjorie Ellinor Hogarth,	John S. and Elizabeth F. Smith.
Apr. 5.	Edgar Lapham White,	Edgar L. and Lillian Freeman.
Apr. 7.	Warren Leroy Daley,	Raymond L. and Ruby Verena Springer.
Apr. 13.	Eileen Hartshorn,	Bernard M. and Mary E. Smith.
Apr. 15.	Priscilla Virginia Hartshorn,	Samuel E. D. and Alice B. Holbrook.
Apr. 25.	Hazel Eunice Brown,	Arthur E. and Edna M. Caswell.
Apr. 30.	Raymond Earl Jennison,	Charles Thomas and Clara Frances Annear.
June 18.	Mildred Elizabeth Bowen,	William Russell and Mary Elizabeth Carey.
June 23.	James Latimer Ballou,	Everett and Minnie Lavina Green.
July 4.	Ernest Joseph Amede Bouchard,	Nere J. and Delina R. Jacques.
July 21.	Mary Elce,	Girolomo and Cecelia Travellini.
Aug. 4.	Female	
Aug. 8.	Luigi Russo,	Frank and Julia Grosso.
Aug. 13.	Richard Mackenzie Gaskill,	Earl F. and Myrtle M. Warner.
Sept. 5.	Female	
Oct. 21.	Male	
Nov. 1.	Robert Earl Whiting,	Edward A. and Alice Geraldine Taft.
Nov. 19.	Nelson Norman Perron,	Samuel H. and Rose Thompson.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1921.

Date of Marriage 1921.	Names.	Residence.
Feb. 5.	Robert Smith,	Mendon, Mass.
	Edna Elizabeth Butterfield.	Hopedale, Mass.
Feb. 12.	Bert Edgar Harding,	Mendon, Mass.
	Mary Louise Farr.	Providence, R. I.
Feb. 22.	Earle Francis Thayer,	Bellingham, Mass.
	Hilda Margaret Thayer.	Mendon, Mass.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1921.—CONTINUED.

Date of Marriage 1921.		Names.	Residence.
Apr.	25.	Edward F. Castiglioni, Rose Fiori.	Milford, Mass.
June	15.	Henry Klay Osgood, Esther Cecelia Daige.	Mendon, Mass. Hopedale, Mass.
June	15.	Robert Flooks, Jr., Alice Eliza Prentiss.	Mendon, Mass. Mendon, Mass.
July	18.	Carl Mather Taft, Grace Helen Taft.	Upton, Mass. Mendon, Mass.
Sept.	6.	George Ferris, Jr. Helen Gertrude Best.	Mendon, Mass. Milford, Mass.
Sept.	12.	Raymond Henry Goss. Ada Melora Wood.	Mendon, Mass. Upton, Mass.
Sept.	28.	Arthur John Price, Angie Belle Battis.	Mendon, Mass. Mendon, Mass.
Oct.	8.	George M. Aldrich, Jennie Harriet Anderson.	Mendon, Mass. Milford, Mass.
Oct.	29.	Judson Joseph Randlett, Annie Louise Hynes.	Mendon, Mass. Milford, Mass.
Nov.	9.	Americo Rubeo, Mary Elizabeth Springer.	Milford, Mass. Mendon, Mass.
Nov.	19.	Earl Arnold, Gladys Durkee.	Woonsocket, R. I. Mendon, Mass.
Nov.	21.	Charles Henry Knights, Mildred Theda Goodnow.	Hopedale, Mass. Mendon, Mass.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1921.

Date of Death 1921.		Name.	Age.		
			Y.	M.	D.
Feb.	12.	Francis W. Springer,	54	4	12
Feb.	13.	Joseph Hicks,	93	2	..
Mar.	21.	Rosaline Verretti,	1	10	5
June	6.	Rosanna E. Mathewson,	13	9	26
Aug.	5.	Sarah A. M. Horton,	61	7	12
Aug.	24.	Edwin R. Irons,	75	10	29
Sept.	5.	Female	..	..	..
Sept.	21.	Lowell Cleveland Cook,	82	9	12
Oct.	10.	Helen L. K. Russell,	84	2	3
Oct.	26.	Minnie Randlett,	60	8	9
Nov.	21.	Daniel J. Doherty,	73	8	14
Dec.	2.	Joseph H. Stenson,	67	9	29
Dec.	24.	Harry Leath,	56	3	8

If errors or omissions are discovered in the lists of births, marriages or deaths, report them to the Town Clerk that the record may be corrected.

Blanks for the return of all vital records can be obtained of the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1922.

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Our library has had the most prosperous year since its institution, due in great part to its new home with the added facilities for carrying on library work in a successful manner. The circulation has increased over 40 per cent during the last year.

The library has now become a powerful educational factor in our community and should receive the hearty support of all our citizens.

Miss Beatrice Taft, after several months of earnest, conscientious work as librarian, resigned and Mrs. Lena George kindly consented to take up the work for the remainder of the year.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation for the many hours of gratuitous labor rendered by Mrs. George in the enumeration, arrangement and cataloguing of the books.

The library has been greatly benefited the past year through the generosity of friends. By the will of the late Mrs. Harriott Darling, money was given which has enabled us to procure many standard works that we otherwise could not have purchased. Also Mr. J. C. F. Wheelock presented the library with a very generous check with which to procure juvenile books. We are deeply grateful for these kind remembrances.

The children form no small part of the patronage of the library, therefore the trustees deemed it wise to procure a low table and chairs for their use. This has proven a good investment.

It has come to a time when the position of librarian does not mean merely a few hours of handing out books one afternoon



a week ; it has become a matter of thought, care and days to keep up a library of the standing which ours has now reached. The position calls for a person of adaptibility as well as a knowledge of books and writers. This means a larger salary for the right person.

It is conceded that we have an especially valuable library, let us do all in our power to retain the very high standard it has attained.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. GEORGE, Chairman,  
EDWARD F. BLOOD, Secretary,  
PETER O. GASKILL,

Trustees of Taft Public Library.

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## Finance Committee Report.

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The report of the Finance Committee of the Taft Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1921:—

### RESOURCES.

Darling fund .....	\$105 10	
	<hr/>	\$105 10

### EXPENDITURES.

Arthur R. Womrath, books .....	\$20 59	
DeWolfe & Co., books .....	46 71	
Cash on hand .....	37 80	
	<hr/>	\$105 10

## RESOURCES.

Appropriation .....	\$600 00	
Fines .....	30 50	
	<hr/>	\$630 50

## EXPENDITURES.

S. A. Steere, painting (1920 bill) ....	\$107 15	
E. L. Wilson, labor .....	1 80	
William Leavens & Co., furniture ....	23 60	
A. L. A. Publishing Board .....	70	
E. H. Taft, wood .....	42 00	
Lena W. George, salary, labor and expenses .....	73 50	
N. Michelson, books .....	50 85	
DeWolfe & Co., books .....	21 34	
Gaylord Bros., supplies .....	8 10	
W. A. Butterfield, books .....	13 50	
Winthrop Packard, book .....	3 50	
Beatrice Taft, salary and postage ....	82 96	
Dura Binding Co. ....	9 20	
Joseph Dudley, labor and mop .....	59 65	
W. A. Barry, fixing lawn mower .....	1 00	
H. W. Wilson, Reader's Guide .....	7 00	
Jacob R. Brown, labor .....	9 00	
R. D. Lemon, magazines .....	42 83	
Charlescraft Press .....	3 15	
Avery & Woodbury, table and chairs ..	30 00	
Chester C. Shattuck, screens .....	4 80	
Library Book House, books .....	40 68	
	<hr/>	\$636 31
Overdrawn .....		5 81

Respectfully submitted,

PETER O. GASKILL,

A. SUMNER COLEMAN,

Finance Committee.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (50 weeks) was 9,142 volumes. The largest number given out in one week was 227, the smallest 116, the average 182. The circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 7,015; magazines, 1,291; bound magazines, 125; biography, 103; travel, 38; history, 210; literature, 96; useful and fine arts, 129; science, 75; all others, 60.

There are by actual count 6,213 volumes in the library. 334 volumes have been added the past year. 67 were bought by the town and 267 were given as follows: H. J. George, 130; Mrs. Harriott E. Darling, 33; J. C. F. Wheelock, 32; Massachusetts Library Commission, 29; Miss Charlotte E. Day, 19; Mrs. N. R. George, 7; Friends of Irish Freedom, 1; State of Illinois, 1; U. S. Bureau of Navigation, 1; Worcester Bank and Trust Co., 2; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 2; Mrs. J. D. Scharnagle, 1; Foreign Policy Association of Massachusetts, 1; Claudia Q. Murphy, 1; Anonymous, 7.

The library subscribes for the American, Country Gentleman, Century, Field and Stream, Harper's Monthly, Illustrated World, Ladies' Home Journal, Literay Digest, National Geographic, Scribner's St. Nicholas and Woman's Home Companion. The Library Commission sends the American Boy, Good Housekeeping, Popular Mechanics and the World's Work.

\$30.50 was recived in fines during the year.

Books are being sent to the Albeeville schoolhouse for distribution in that section of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA W. GEORGE,

Librarian.

Mendon, January 1, 1922.

## BOOKS ADDED IN 1921.

## Fiction:—

- Alice Adams. Booth Tarkington.  
 Best short stories of 1920. E. J. O'Brien, ed.  
 Black Bartlemy's treasure. Jeffry Farnel.  
 Black knight. Sidgwick and Garstin.  
 Blue envelope. Sophie Kerr.  
 Boy Woodburn. Alfred Ollivant.  
 Bride's hero. A. M. Williamson.  
 Brimming cup. Dorothy Canfield.  
 Brown study. G. S. Richmond.  
 Clayton Hallowell. F. W. Von Praag.  
 Cloudy jewel. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Custard cup. F. B. Livingston.  
 Devil's paw. E. P. Oppenheim.  
 District attorney. William Sage.  
 Divine event. W. N. Haben.  
 "Doc." Gordon. M. E. Wilkins.  
 Egan. Holworthy Hall.  
 Eli of the downs. C. M. A. Peake.  
 Enemy. G. R. Chester.  
 Erskine Dale, pioneer. John Fox.  
 Eve to the rescue. Ethel Hueston.  
 Finding of Jasper Holt. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Galusha, the magnificent. J. C. Lincoln.  
 Great pearl secret. C. N. and A. N. Williamson.  
 Hall and the grange. Archibald Marshall.  
 Heart of her highness. C. E. Laughlin.  
 Hearts and masks. Harold MacGrath.  
 Hidden creek. K. N. Burt.  
 Hillsboro people. Dorothy Canfield.  
 History of David Grieve. Mrs. Humphrey Ward.  
 House party. P. I. Ford, ed.  
 How it happened. K. I. Boshier.  
 Hunger. Knut Hamsun.  
 Jacob's ladder. E. P. Oppenheim.  
 Joanna builds a nest. J. W. Tompkins.

Kent Knowles, quahaug. J. C. Lincoln.  
 Key of the unknown. R. N. Carey.  
 Kitty Canary. K. I. Boshier.  
 Landloper. Holman Day.  
 Light in the clearing. Irving Bachellor.  
 Little Legacy. L. B. Walford.  
 Lure of the mask. Harold MacGrath.  
 Main street. Sinclair Lewis.  
 Man of the hour. Octave Thanet.  
 Marcia Schuyler. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Mary Wollaston. H. K. Webster.  
 Mysterious rider. Zane Grey.  
 Nancy's country Christmas. Eleanor Hoyt.  
 No defense. Gilbert Parker.  
 Novels and letters of Jane Austen. 12 v.  
 Obsession of Victoria Gracen. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Oldfield. N. H. Banks.  
 Orkney maid. A. E. Barr.  
 Our village. J. C. Lincoln.  
 Peddler. H. Rowland.  
 Penelope's Irish experiences. K. D. Wiggin.  
 Phoebe Deane. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Pip. Ian Hay.  
 Poor man's rock. B. W. Sinclair.  
 Poor wise man. M. R. Rinehart.  
 Portrait of a lady. Henry James.  
 Prisoner. Alice Brown.  
 Proof of the pudding. Meredith Nicholson.  
 Purple heights. M. C. Oemler.  
 Red keggers. E. Thwing.  
 Red Lane. Holman Day.  
 Romantic. Mary Sinclair.  
 Rose dawn. S. E. White.  
 Rose o' the sea. Helene Barcynska.  
 Seventh angel. Alexander Black.  
 Sister Sue. E. H. Porter.  
 Skinner's dress suit. H. I. Dodge.

Strawberry acres. G. S. Richmond.  
 Sunny side of the hill. R. N. Carey.  
 Sweet rocket. Mary Johnston.  
 Sylvia. Evalyn Emerson.  
 Tess of the D'Urbervilles. Thomas Hardy.  
 Thread of flame. Basil King.  
 Top of the world. Ethel M. Dell.  
 Unspeakable Perk. S. H. Adams.  
 Valley of the moon. Jack London.  
 Valley of silent men. J. O. Curwood.  
 Vanity girl. Compton MacKenzie.  
 Voice in the wilderness. G. L. H. Lutz.  
 Wall between. S. W. Bassett.  
 Wall of partition. F. L. Barclay.  
 Way home. Basil King.  
 West wind drift. G. B. McCutcheon.  
 White feather. Worral and Terry.  
 White linen nurse. E. H. Abbot.  
 With Juliet in England. G. S. Richmond.  
 You never know your luck. Gilbert Parker.

Juveniles:—

Abbie Ann. G. M. Martin.  
 Adopting of Rosa Marie. C. W. Rankin.  
 Amelia Ann and the green umbrella. C. Howard.  
 Around the world with the children. F. G. Carpenter.  
 As the goose flies. Katherine Pyle.  
 At the back of the north wind. George MacDonald.  
 Beck's fortune. A. E. Thompson.  
 Betty at Fort Blizzard. M. E. Seawell.  
 Betty Wales on the campus. Margaret Warde.  
 Bimbi. L. de la Rame.  
 Book of Cowboys. F. Rolt-Wheeler.  
 Book of Hallowe'en. R. E. Kelley.  
 Boys' book of policemen. Irving Crump.  
 Boys' life of Lafayette. Helen Nicolay.  
 Boy Scouts' book of campfire stories. F. K. Mathiews, ed.

- Boy Scouts in the wilderness. S. Scoville.  
 Boy Scouts of Lakeville high. Leslie Quirk.  
 Brown wolf. F. K. Mathiews, ed.  
 Brownie primer. N. M. Banta.  
 Burgess animal book for children. T. W. Burgess.  
 Carolyn of the corners. R. B. Endicott.  
 Charm of fine manners. H. E. Starrett.  
 Cheerful cats. J. G. Francis.  
 Clean Peter. O. Adelborg.  
 Cook, the mouse and the little red hen. F. Lefevre.  
 Conquests of invention. M. R. Parkman.  
 Crimson Patch. A. H. Seaman.  
 Czechoslovak fairy tales. Parker Fillmore.  
 Danny, the freshman. Walter Camp.  
 Day in a colonial home. D. R. Prescott.  
 Dogs of Boytown. W. A. Dyer.  
 Dreadful river cave. J. W. Schultz.  
 Felicia's friends. E. L. Gould.  
 Four afoot. R. H. Barbour.  
 Friends in the end. B. M. Dix.  
 Further chronicles of Avonlea. L. M. Montgomery.  
 Golden windows. L. E. Richards.  
 Happy house. Jane Abbot.  
 Hero stories of France. E. M. Tappan.  
 Heroines of history and legend. E. S. Smith.  
 High Benton. William Heyliger.  
 High Benton, worker. William Heyliger.  
 Highacres. Jane Abbot.  
 Household of Glen Holly. L. C. Lillie.  
 Italian twins. L. F. Perkins.  
 Jack, the young cowboy. G. B. Grinnell.  
 Janice Day. H. B. Long.  
 Joel Pepper. Margaret Sidney.  
 Keineth. Jane Abbot.  
 Little bird blue. W. L. Finley.  
 Little black Sambo.  
 Little folks' handy book. L. and A. B. Beard.



Lonesomest doll. A. F. Brown.  
 Mopsa, the fairy Jean Ingelow.  
 Mutineers. C. B. Hawes.  
 New boy. A. S. Pier.  
 Number stories of long ago. D. E. Smith.  
 One footed fairy. Alice Brown.  
 Paddy, the beaver. T. W. Burgess.  
 Paul and Rhoda. Fannie Kilbourne.  
 Peter Cottontail. T. W. Burgess.  
 Plebe at West Point. P. B. Malone.  
 Polly and the princess. E. C. Dowd.  
 Princess and the goblin. George MacDonald.  
 Prudence says so. Ethel Hueston.  
 Quaker girl of Nantucket. M. C. Lee.  
 Runaway donkey. Emilie Poulson.  
 Sandman, his sea stories. W. J. Hopkins.  
 Secret of everyday things. J. H. Fabre.  
 Six star ranch. E. H. Porter.  
 Steve and the steam engine. S. W. Bassett.  
 Sunny slopes. Ethel Hueston.  
 Tales of two bunnies. Katherine Pyle.  
 Tell it again stories. Dillingham and Emerson.  
 Three base Benson. R. H. Barbour.  
 Wee Ann. E. C. Phillips.

Non-Fiction :—

A. B. C. of bee culture. A. I. Root.  
 Among the northern hills. W. C. Prime.  
 Art of table setting. Claudia Murphy.  
 At the north of Beaucamp water. Frank Bolles.  
 Austen, life and letters of Jane. W. and R. Austen-leigh.  
 Bass, perch and others. Henshall and Harris.  
 Besses, fresh water and marine. T. H. Bean.  
 Beagle, the. J. M. Pulley.  
 Beethoven's nine symphonies. George Grove.  
 Burroughs, John. Clara Barrus.  
 Camps and tramps in the Adirondacks. A. J. Northrup.



Carnegie, Autobiography of.  
 City ballads. Will Carleton.  
 Concerning cats. Helen Winslow.  
 Cradle of the deep. Frederick Treves.  
 Crowding memories. Mrs. T. B. Aldrich.  
 Days before yesterday. Frederick Hamilton.  
 Echoes from the distant battlefields. L. M. Zimmerman.  
 Eminent Victorians. Lytton Stachey.  
 Enchanted India. B. Karageorgevitch.  
 Facts and backgrounds of literature. Reynolds and Greever.  
 Familiar life in field and forest. H. S. Mathews.  
 Fighting Yankees overseas. Bert Ford.  
 Forty immortals of Worcester County.  
 Fox terrier. Rowdon Lee.  
 Frog, the. A. M. Marshall.  
 Glories of Ireland. Joseph Dunn, ed.  
 Godey's lady's book, 18 v.  
 Great composers. George T. Ferris.  
 Hannah Jane. D. R. Locke.  
 Hardwood finisher. Fred Hodgson.  
 Historic trees of Massachusetts. J. R. Simmons.  
 House plants. L. P. Hillhouse.  
 Hunting without a gun. Rowland Robinson.  
 I go a-fishing. W. C. Prime.  
 Jew and American ideals. John Spargo.  
 Land of lingering snow. Frank Bolles.  
 Lincoln, Abraham. John Drinkwater.  
 Make your will. A. W. Blakemore.  
 Mayfair to Moscow. Claire Sheridan.  
 Men of U. S. Navy who died in World War.  
 Minstrel in France. Harry Lauder.  
 Mirrors of Downing street.  
 Mirrors of Washington.  
 Mountain playmates. Helen R. Albee.  
 Music, curiosities of. L. C. Elson.  
 Music, history of. H. G. B. Hunt.  
 Music, history of. F. L. Ritter.

Music, story of. W. J. Henderson.  
 New England in France, 1917 to 1919. E. G. Taylor.  
 Newhouse trappers' guide. S. Newhouse.  
 Next war. Will Irwin.  
 Now it can be told. Philip Gibbs.  
 Old Plymouth trails. Wintrop Packard.  
 Outline of history, 2 v. H. G. Wells.  
 Parks and memorials of Illinois.  
 Parsons on the rose. S. B. Parsons.  
 Peace negotiations. Robert Lansing.  
 Philosophy of singing. C. K. Rogers.  
 Pilgrim spirit. G. P. Baker.  
 Poetical works. Cowper.  
 Queen Victoria. Lytton Strachey.  
 Rhodes, Cecil. T. E. Fuller.  
 Rising tide of color. Lothrop Stoddard.  
 Salvaging of civilization. H. G. Wells.  
 Some historic houses of Worcester.  
 Songs for Columbia's heroes. Clarence Hawkes.  
 Sonnets on the war. Courtney Langdon.  
 Sport with rod and gun. A. M. Mayer.  
 White shadows in the South seas. Frederic O'Brien.  
 Where to hunt American game.  
 Wild pastures. Wintrop Packard.  
 Wild wood ways. Wintrop Packard.  
 Wood wanderings. Wintrop Packard.  
 Woodland paths. Wintrop Packard.  
 Workers, the East. Walter Wyckoff.  
 Workers, the West. Walter Wyckoff.  
 Yankee division. H. A. Beniwell.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I have examined the accounts of all the Town Officers who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the town for the fiscal year ending January 1, 1922, and find them to correspond with the respective vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,

Auditor.

Mendon, February 16, 1922.



REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1921.

ORGANIZATION OF  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1921.

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GEORGE H. PICKARD,	Term expires 1922.
A. SUMNER COLEMAN, Chairman,	Term expires 1923.
SAMUEL E. D. HARTSHORN, Sec'y.	Term expires 1924.

SUPERINTENDENT.

CARROLL H. DROWN.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

LYMAN COOK,	CARROLL H. DROWN,
JACOB R. BROWN.	

SCHOOL NURSE.

FANNIE S. BUCK.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1921.

## RESOURCES.

Appropriations .....	\$13,000 00	
Appropriation for School Physician ...	25 00	
Appropriation for Repairs (Albeeville) .....	150 00	
Appropriation for School Nurse .....	100 00	
From County Treasurer, dog tax .....	237 51	
Total .....		\$13,512 51
Total amount expended .....		13,142 38
Balance .....		<hr/> \$370 13

## REIMBURSEMENTS.

From General School Fund, Part 1....	\$1,075 00	
From General School Fund, Part 2....	2,435 11	
For Superintendent's Salary .....	500 00	
For Superintendent's Traveling Ex- penses .....	75 36	
For Tuition from State .....	162 00	
For Tuition from City of Boston .....	102 00	
For Vocational Education .....	69 63	
	<hr/>	\$4,919 10

## RECONCILIATION.

Resources .....		\$13,512 51
Reimbursements .....	4,919 10	
Balance .....	370 13	
	<hr/>	\$5,289 23
Net cost of the schools to the town ....		<hr/> \$8,223 28

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers .....	\$7,853 81	
Superintendent .....	948 00	
Transportation .....	1,227 00	
Fuel .....	1,055 98	
Care of Buildings .....	636 00	
Text Books and Supplies .....	589 22	
Incidentals .....	203 85	
Repairs .....	127 97	
Repairs (Albeeville) .....	149 55	
New Equipment .....	226 00	
School Nurse .....	100 00	
School Physician .....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,142 38

## TEACHERS.

Percy A. Robbins .....	\$875 00
August H. Wigren .....	800 00
Iva L. Higgins .....	718 75
Emilia B. Sitterly .....	460 00
Caroline M. Reeves .....	105 55
Leigh Crozier .....	397 16
Verena Daley .....	192 00
Beatrice Taft .....	105 55
Eva Dubuque .....	281 25
Mary A. Monehan .....	1,034 06



Mary E. Dudley .....	920 00	
Maria E. Allen .....	841 62	
Gertrude Rhoades .....	466 62	
Josephine Meader .....	397 50	
Evelyn Raymond .....	143 75	
Beulah Thompson .....	100 00	
Mary C. McNamara .....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,853 81

## SUPERINTENDENT.

Carroll H. Drown, (Salary) .....	\$828 00	
Carroll H. Drown, (traveling expense) .....	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$948 00

## TRANSPORTATION.

Milford & Uxbridge Street R. R. Co. ....	\$255 00	
Frank Russo .....	315 00	
Harvey Trask .....	432 00	
J. Frank Leonard .....	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,227 00

## CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Jacob R. Brown .....	\$492 00	
Sumner Allen .....	90 00	
Minnie Thayer .....	54 00	
	<hr/>	\$636 00

## REPAIRS.

F. C. Townsend .....	\$27 00	
F. G. Halsing .....	39 71	
E. T. Powers .....	27 36	
Jacob R. Brown .....	33 90	
	<hr/>	\$127 97

## NEW EQUIPMENT.

E. T. Powers .....	\$226 00	
	<hr/>	\$226 00

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. K. A. Campbell .....		\$25 00
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## FUEL.

H. M. Curtiss Co. (Center) .....	\$241 48	
Charles A. Fletcher (Albeeville) ....	31 00	
Milford Coal Co., (Center and East Mendon) .....	725 00	
William F. Irons (Center) .....	20 00	
L. F. Thayer & Sons (East Mendon) ..	28 00	
Joseph Saucier (sawing wood, Center)	3 50	
Joseph Rondor (sawing and housing wood) .....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,055 98

## ALBEEVILLE REPAIRS.

Appropriation .....		\$150 00
Harold C. Barrows (painting) .....	56 55	
F. G. Halsing (repairs) .....	93 00	
	<hr/>	\$149 55
Balance .....		45

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Milford, Hopedale and Mendon District Nursing Association .....		\$100 00
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## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

L. E. Knott Co. ....	\$76 83
Ginn & Co. ....	81 07
Houghton & Mifflin Co. ....	2 85
Rand McNally Co. ....	14 42
Wright & Potter ....	7 20
Silver Burdett & Co. ....	26 20
D. C. Heath & Co. ....	23 37
J. L. Hammett Co. ....	124 25
Ryan & Buker Co. ....	18 47
American Book Co. ....	15 53
Edward E. Babb Co. ....	76 41
J. J. Gibbs ....	75
World Book Co. ....	32 63
Charles E. Merrill Co. ....	12 37
Lyons & Carnahan Co. ....	3 88
The MacMillan Co. ....	19 32
Dowling School Supply Co. ....	23 23
Carroll H. Drown ....	14 84
Allyn & Bacon Co. ....	9 16
The Cable Co. ....	1 00
Little, Brown & Co. ....	4 60
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins ....	84

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 \$589 22

## INCIDENTALS.

Werber & Rose, chairs ....	\$13 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, merchandise ....	3 40
Freeman C. Lowell, gravel.....	10 00
Edwin L. Wilson, services 1920 ....	10 00
A. S. Coleman, services 1920 ....	3 00
C. W. Wilcox, repair of chairs ....	2 75
H. S. Chadbourne Co., merchandise...	5 55
Herbert Mann, lettering diplomas ....	1 25
C. H. Jewett, Jr., putting on storm windows .....	5 00

S. E. D. Hartshorn, services 1921 . . . .	10 00	
G. E. Thayer, use of well one year ..	3 00	
C. C. Shattuck, merchandise .....	1 90	
Town of Hopedale, floor oil .....	8 60	
Mrs Benjamin Peterson, cleaning, (Al-bee-ville) .....	5 25	
L. F. Perry, labor .....	1 25	
F. A. Hartshorn, cleaning (Center)..	25 00	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co., Electric service .....	3 00	
Joseph Dudley, services at graduation	2 00	
Frank Weaver, repairs on piano .....	5 00	
Mrs. Freeman C. Arey, services at graduation .....	7 50	
Pierrie Norman, cleaning vault, 1920..	5 00	
Carroll H. Drown, postage, express and telephone .....	46 74	
United States Envelope Co., mer- chandise .....	7 40	
Reformatory for Women, merchandise	2 61	
Child Health Organization, merchandise	2 22	
The Forbes Company, merchandise....	1 38	
Mass. State Prison, merchandise .....	7 75	
Red Cross Dental Clinic .....	4 30	
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		\$203 85

BEQUEST FROM THE WILL OF HARRIOTT DARLING.

Bequest .....		\$105 09
E. T. Powers .....	40 00	
F. H. Thomas .....	10 08	
Heywood-Wakefield Co. ....	21 50	
W. P. Jones Electric Co. ....	8 40	
J. J. Gibbs .....	7 55	
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		\$87 53
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Balance .....		\$17 56

Respectfully submitted,

A. SUMNER COLEMAN, Chairman,  
S. E. D. HARTSHORN, Secretary,  
GEORGE H. PICKARD,

School Committee.

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The following Appropriations are recommended by the School Committee for the year 1922.

Teachers .....	\$8,900 00
Superintendent and expense .....	1,020 00
Fuel .....	900 00
Transportation .....	1,300 00
Text Books and Supplies .....	700 00
Incidentals .....	250 00
Tuition .....	50 00
Janitors .....	650 00
Repairs .....	225 00
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	\$13,995 00

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. Sumner Coleman, Chairman, .....	Term Expires 1923
Samuel E. D. Hartshorn, Secretary, .....	Term Expires 1924
George H. Pickard .....	Term Expires 1922

## TEACHERS.

### CENTRE BUILDING.

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Grade	Name	Local Address	Preparation	Year of Service
High				
Sci., Math., U.S.Hist.	A. H. Wigen, Prin.	Mendon	Boston University	First
Eng., Lang., Hist.	Emelia Sittley	Mendon	Smith College	First
VI, VII, VIII	Eva Dubuque	Mendon	Burlington, Vt. Tr.	First
III, IV, V	Mary F. Monehan	Hopedale	Framingham Normal	Second
	Mary Dudley	Hopedale		Fortieth
I, II	Alice Ritz	Upton	Framingham Normal	First
		ALBEEVILLE.		
I-VIII	Mrs. Maria Allen	Mendon	Wareham High	Seventh

EAST MENDON.

Josephine M. Meader Holliston

Framingham Normal First

MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

Beulah Thompson

N. E. Conservatory First  
Ins. Normal Methods

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER.

Mrs. Raymond Daley

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. K. A. Campbell

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Jacob Brown  
Lyman Cook

JANITORS.

Centre Building  
Albeeville  
East Mendon

Jacob Brown Mendon  
Sumner Allen Mendon  
Mrs. Minnie F. Thayer South Milford

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Carroll H. Drown	Hopedale	Telephone, Office Milford 904 Residence 432-J
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BARGE DRIVERS.

North Route	Harvey Trask	Mendon
East Route	Frank J. Leonard	Milford R. F. D.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY

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Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the school building on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 P. M.



SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1922.

ELEMENTARY GRADES.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 3, Closes March 17. (11 weeks.)  
Vacation two weeks.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 3, Closes June 9. (10 weeks.)  
Summer Vacation.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 5, Closes December 15. (15 weeks.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 3, Closes March 24. (12 weeks.)  
Vacation one week.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 3, Closes June 23. (12 weeks.)  
Summer Vacation.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 5, Closes December 22. (16 weeks.)

ELEMENTARY GRADES.—1923.

SPRING TERM.

Opens January 2, Closes March 16. (11 weeks.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.

Opens January 2, Closes March 23. (12 weeks.)

## LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, January 1, February 22, April 19 and May 30. There will be no session of the schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. When a holiday comes on Sunday the following Monday becomes a holiday.

The town cannot have any "no school" signal. Schools will not be closed on account of weather unless it is practically impossible or unreasonable for children to attend. When parents feel that it is very unwise for their children to go to school, they are advised to keep them at home. All other days children must attend school.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF MENDON:—

I herewith submit my second report of the Mendon schools. This report will be an attempt to give a brief resume of the school work of the past year, discussing to some extent the general policies, and to give some suggestions and recommendations concerning the needs of the schools for the coming year.

The routine of the daily school work is so commonly known that, though important as it is, a rehearsal of it in this report is not necessary. The general plan and program of work is about the same as in previous years.

### OUR CLASS ROOM SCHOOLS.

The most important phase of our school work is that which is but little known outside, and usually has but little consideration when a town is voting school appropriations. That largest and most important part of the school work is what is done daily in the school rooms, the daily grind, and the spirit and influence of their every day associations.

All the modern mechanical devices and standards cannot measure the influence of the daily school room work. Only life and eternity can reveal its significance and success.

The superintendent of schools is fully convinced that the present class instruction in our schools is thorough and effective, and that the spirit and influence is working for the lasting good of the individual children, of society, of the State and of the home. The schools cannot do all of this great work that should be done. The home and society must do their part. The home is the foundation upon which the future of society and the nation

depends, hence the home, as well as the school, is an important factor in education.

The town is most fortunate this year in having all of its schools directed by very able teachers. Our good fortune in this respect is due to a few special reasons, an important one of which is that the school committee saw the necessity and very wisely made quite substantial increases in the salaries of teachers. Our present salaries are considerably lower than those of many towns about us, but, because of other reasons also we have been able to secure our teachers. Some of the teachers are working with us for from one hundred to two hundred dollars less than they could get in other positions because they wish to be at or near home. Others are with us for experience. On account of these conditions it is very likely that we cannot retain these teachers for another year; and, considering the present conditions, it will be very difficult if not impossible, to secure as competent teachers at the same salaries.

Considerable attention was given in the report last year to a discussion of teachers' salaries. We felt it necessary as the teaching staff is the most important interest of our school department. We will not continue the discussion this year, but wish to simply say that the shortage of competent teachers is still acute.

### COST OF EDUCATION.

We have often heard it said that schools are expensive and the burden of cost is great. We can fully appreciate the feeling of tax payers so long as schools are supported in part or largely by local taxation, but, in the larger sense is the cost of our American schools, (the best in the world), really great? Some comparisons of national expenditures are interesting.

An authentic quotation says, "One week of the World War cost the United States a sum of money sufficient to build in each and every state in the Union:

20—\$100,000 High Schools.

30—\$ 40,000 Grade Schools.

10—\$100,000 Churches and

40—\$ 35,000 Recreation Centers, play grounds and Equipment.”

This nation spends annually on our Public School Elementary Education \$762,259,154. Each year the nation spends on face lotions and beautifying cosmetics \$750,000,000, and \$834,000,000 for sodas and confections. Smokers poured out \$1,151,000,000 for tobacco in all forms during the year, while all and every department of education in the whole nation expends annually less than \$1,000,000,000. Which is more essential and gives the greater lasting benefit, Education or the above mentioned luxuries?

Good schools well paid for is the best possible investment, and the nation's greatest asset; but money invested in poor schools is poor economy. The highest duty of our present day citizens is the fulfillment of their obligation to the coming generation.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

We are very glad to highly commend the work of our high school. It is being managed and carried on in a harmonious and effective manner. The school still lacks one very essential characteristic. The required work that must be done in a four-year high school course cannot be done in the few hours of the daily session. High school students in order to fit for College or for any advanced work in life, must give much time to thorough study and school work outside of the school sessions.

Parents and students should realize that indifference to study must mean a very inadequate preparation for the duties of life. Pupils who really study and give close attention to their school work will receive a good training in the school; but the indifferent, though they may be graduated, will be poorly prepared for future opportunities. Real success in life is never attained without hard work.

The true test of the value of any school is the successful achievement of those who have gone forth from that school.

Following the records of success of those who have gone forth from the school for the past twenty years is interesting.

During the past fifteen years, the number of graduates from the Mendon High School has been eighty-six. Of this number 39 have gone on in schools of higher learning, 11 entered college, 11 Normal school and seventeen Business or short course schools. Of the number of graduates 48 have attained what may be considered marked success in various lines of life's activities. From investigation it is very probable that these would not have been as successful if they had not attended high school. On the whole those who did well enough in the High School so that they could go on with higher education, have achieved much more than those who did not.

The reader's attention is called to the special report of the principal of the High School.

The maintaining of the Mendon High School will continue to be a real problem, more so in the future than in the past, because of financial conditions and greater educational demands.

The school is much favored in having its present staff of teachers, but there is no certainty that we can thus be favored in the future. Even if we pay good salaries, which we must do, strong ambitious teachers prefer to be connected with a larger school with larger opportunities. A small enterprise whether it be a school, or a social, or industrial undertaking has a hard time to exist in these modern days.

If the town continues to maintain a Senior High School, we urge most strongly that it strive to have a school worth while, and be willing to pay the cost.

A good High School, though it be small, is an asset to any town, but a poor school is little credit and expensive at any cost.

A successful school depends upon the help of pupils and parents as well as teachers. Loyalty to one's town and its interests is a mark of good citizenship. Exaggerated reports and gossip of the mistakes of a school are much more injurious than helpful.

The graduation exercises of the high school held in the Unitarian church last June were especially good and deserve



commendation. The program is given in another part of the report.

### HEALTH.

A careful examination of all the Center School children was given by the school physician and reports made. Several parents were notified of treatment necessary for the improvement of the health of their children. Training in "Health Keeping" is of first importance in education. A report of the particulars of the work of the school nurse is given. The follow-up work which the school nurse can do at the homes with the parents is valuable. She can assist greatly in getting parents to receive for their children the advantages, offered by hospitals clinics, etc. For a large part of the year the children who could not go to the private dentist, received help from the dental clinic in Milford. We thank the Red Cross Society, The District Nursing Association and the private individuals who have assisted in the health work of the schools. All school children of the town have complied with the law governing vaccination.

### BOOKS.

Some new books have been purchased during the past year. The schools have been and still are quite destitute of books. The schools had but few singing books except some old ones borrowed from another town. Recently one school has been provided with new singing books. The others should have this advantage soon.

At the present writing the schools are without text books for teaching that important subject Hygiene and Health. It has been a great loss that the schools have been without these for some years. A vote was passed at the last meeting of the school committee to buy new Hygiene and Physiology books for one school where most needed. Such books should very soon be provided the other schools.

We are striving for the least expenditure for all equipment so that all available funds can go for that which is most essential—the teaching service.

A larger expenditure will have to be made for books this coming year. In spite of all our caution and admonitions, school books receive very rough usage, and many of the books are badly worn, especially in the High School.

The public library is one of the most potent factors in the education of the general public, and a valuable auxiliary to the schools. The schools should take advantage of the library, but since our Mendon library is not open any time during the school week, it is not as convenient for the school pupils to make use of the library in connection with their school work. If the library could be open, at least one evening during the school week, we believe it would be of great advantage. We urge and request the trustees to consider opening the library on one other evening of the week, perhaps Tuesday evening.

### BUILDINGS.

Only a few repairs have been made on the school buildings during the past year, except on the Albeeville building. A little new equipment has been provided in the Center building. An electric water pump and bubblers have been installed. This has greatly improved the conditions for drinking water. The new pump was indispensable, for, the old hand pump was completely worn out, and the bubblers are a modern necessity. When the pump was installed, electric lights were put in the basement and school committee room. An electric light in the hall and an outside gong are much needed.

This room has also been furnished with some necessary equipment for a teachers' rest room and a health emergency room. This was made possible through the beneficence of a fund left by Mrs. Harriott Darling. A porcelain water bowl and water connections were provided. A medicine chest, a first aid kit, an electric stove, a plain rattan couch and a chair have been purchased. Some of these articles are a most necessary equipment for every school building, for use especially in cases of injury and sickness.

During cold weather there is much difficulty in heating the



Center building. In fact it cannot be properly heated though a large quantity of coal is consumed. In its present condition, we do not believe the building could be heated with any kind of a heating apparatus.

It is the opinion of the writer after careful investigation and study that it is not the fault of the hot air furnaces nor the operation of them.

The steam heating plant needs some repairs, and more steam pipes for the auxiliary heating near the outside walls would help.

The difficulty of heating the building is caused by having too much cold out-door air to heat. The building sits in a very pleasant, but windy location, and the building is so loosely constructed that on windy days cold air pours in from many quarters, especially around the blackboards.

We believe that the walls under the blackboards should be plastered. This would keep out much cold air. Also there are some air ducts that should be closed, and the loose fittings around the windows should be tightened.

We recommend and urge that an appropriation be made at the coming annual meeting so that these repairs can be made during the next summer vacation.

The smoke dampers lacking for a long time have been recently put in. These will help in heating as well as being a saving in coal.

The entire building will have to be shingled before long.

The interior of the whole building is much in need of re-finishing by tinting and varnishing. It could be done one or two rooms a year, or, better, an appropriation be made to have it all done at once.

The funds voted for the purpose were expended for the much needed repairs of the Albeeville building. A new beaver board ceiling, was put up, patching of some wall plastering and painting the interior, was done. Also new stove pipe was put up.

The school room is still without any suitable blackboards and window shades. These certainly should be put in as soon as possible. A new stove will be needed before long.

Minor repairs of the injuries done by a dog to the interior of the East Mendon school building have been made. The interior of this school room is very dingy. It should be retinted and brightened. This is a very neat and convenient building, and should be kept in an attractive condition. The educational influences of an attractive building are much better than a dingy room. There is also much difficulty in cold weather in heating the building.

Economy in every way is urged, especially in the use of books, supplies, coal, etc. Transportation is ever a problem and will continue to be more so as the difficulties of transportation increase, and as the valuable exercise of walking becomes less and less popular.

The attention of parents is called to the following facts of the state laws governing school attendance.

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours a day.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offense.

An important regulation of the school department is that no child can enter the school for the first time unless such child shall become six years of age on or before January first of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school. (For entrance to school this coming fall term, a child must be six years of age on or before January 1, 1923.)

An examination of the Table of Statistics will show the difference between the cost of school expenditures per pupil for Mendon, the towns of in group III and the State. It can also

be seen that the cost on \$1,000 valuation is above the average. This is off set by the amount of state reimbursement which is twice the average for the state.

The purpose of the law which divides among the towns The General School Fund and other funds from the state treasury is to give better educational advantages to the children of towns of small valuation. The present law which requires towns to vote an appropriation to cover all school expenses regardless of income from the state department is very likely to give a wrong impression of the actual cost of schools to the town. If a town votes an appropriation of \$15,000 and \$5,000 is reimbursed from the state, the actual amount the town will have to raise by taxation for the schools will be only \$10,000.

One of the most important events to the schools of Mendon during the past year was the retirement from active service of Miss Mary Dudley after forty years of teaching service in the town, most of that time in one school room.

Her's was a rare service of a long time in one town. Her loyal devotion to her work, her large talent and skill in teaching and tireless energy were always given willingly without reserve.

Miss Dudley's patience and perseverance and remarkable interest in the welfare of each individual child is well known by the large number of persons who have been pupils in her school, many of whom are now parents with their children in the long list of pupils who have been so tenderly initiated into the mysteries of school life, instructed, guided and inspired to a life of usefulness.

Though Miss Dudley taught all these years when teachers' salaries were meager, her noble service is not without reward. This reward comes in the satisfaction of knowing the success and honor in life's achievement, and in the grateful remembrance of many pupils whom she has trained, and worked with and hoped for.

The schools of Mendon meet with a great loss in the retirement of Miss Dudley, but her former pupils and many friends wish her the highest pleasure in her well earned vacation.

Considered from all viewpoints, our schools are doing very

good work in the common branches taught, and it is most wise and profitable to have this continued.

The friendship and help which the public is giving the schools is much appreciated. The attendance of the people at the schools' public functions, the reception tendered the teachers and other favors shown is of much assistance to the schools in bringing about that which is most essential—a better understanding and relation between schools and parents and the public in general.

A better acquaintance of the daily work of the schools by the towns people is needed. Parents are most welcome to visit schools any day, and are especially urged to come on "Parents' Days."

During the year a few teachers' meetings have been held which have been devoted to a discussion of methods and interests of teaching.

The superintendent of schools wishes to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, school committee and townspeople for their loyalty and kind assistance in that most interesting, important and far reaching undertaking, the educating of the rising generation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN,

Superintendent of Schools.

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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TO MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS.

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of Mendon High School.

The school opened September sixth with an enrollment of 20 which has since been increased to 25. The school is divided into classes as follows: 7 Seniors, 2 Juniors, 8 Sophomores and 8 Freshmen. There are 9 girls and 16 boys which is an unusually large proportion of boys.

The scholarship is not what we would like to have it. The students do not seem to realize the importance of their work and the necessity of outside study. The High School with its one session does not offer sufficient time for study and I would ask the parents to cooperate with me to improve this condition.

The school discipline has been very good and the Principal here wishes to thank the students for their hearty cooperation.

The High School session starts at 8 o'clock and closes at 12.45, but because of the car service some do not arrive until 8.35 while others must be dismissed at 12.35. This is not a very satisfactory condition but as yet no other plan seems advisable.

The High School offers the General College Preparatory course. This will not only prepare the student for higher training but also to handle the problems of daily life. The Science Department is handicapped by insufficient equipment but by adding a little each year and caring for it this can be remedied. There are many text books that are worn out and should be replaced.

The Principal has heard some rumors about the closing of

the High School. If any such action should be taken the Principal would suggest the following plan.

The High School students of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years could be sent to a nearby High School. There they would have the opportunities offered by a larger school. This would also give them the advantages of a commercial course.

The eighth grade could be combined with the first year of the High School and a strong teacher hired to teach them and act as Principal of the school. This plan would give greater advantages to the grades and would prepare the student to carry on his work on an equal footing with the students of a larger school. This would also relieve the overcrowded condition in the lower grades.

Such a change could be made with a saving of money to the town and would give greater opportunities to the student. The State Supervisor of Schools has suggested such a course.

The Principal wishes to thank the teachers of the school and the school committee for their hearty cooperation and wishes to extend an invitation to visit the school.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST H. WIGREN,

Principal Mendon High School.



Graduation Exercises of the  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

*At the Unitarian Church*

Friday Evening, June 24, 1921, at 8 O'Clock

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March

Mrs. Gertrude Arey.

Invocation

Rev. John N. Mark

Song, Away to the Woods

School

Salutatory Essay

Phyllis G. Whiting

Song, 'Tis Morn

School

Essay, The Need of a Commercial Course in High School

Nellie G. Tucker

Essay, Class History, Prophecy and Will

Lillian M. Metcalf

Song, Song of Spring

Girls' Glee Club

Essay, Industrial Paralysis of Europe

Aldo A. Sabatinelli

Address

Carroll H. Drown, Superintendent

Cornet Solo

William Irons

Valedictory Essay

Marion D. Bartlett

Presentation of Diplomas

Sumner Coleman, Chairman of School Committee

Song, Song of the Leaves

School

March

Mrs. Gertrude Arey

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CLASS OF 1921.

Marion Delvina Bartlett

Lillian May Metcalf

Aldo A. Sabatinelli

Nellie Geneva Tucker

Phyllis G. Whiting

*Class President*, Marion D. Bartlett.

*Class Secretary*, Lillian M. Metcalf.

*Class Color*—Nile Green

*Class Flower*—Pink Carnation

*Class Motto*—Onward Is Our Aim

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Percy A. Robbins, Principal

Iva L. Higgins, Ass't. Principal

Carroll H. Drown, Superintendent

Music under direction of Miss Evelyn Raymond



## MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

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MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

Dear Sir.

In response to your request I am sending you a report of my work as Supervisor of Music in the Mendon Schools.

The ultimate end of public school music is to create within the children a sincere love for music and the ability to distinguish between the good and the bad.

When a child first comes to school he has generally heard very little music, and that not always the best. He is likely not equipped with a music vocabulary such as the speaking one which he has when he enters the first grade. Therefore, we must provide him with a vocabulary upon which to base his future knowledge of music.

In the first grade the children are given quantities of beautiful rote songs and some singing games to develop a sense of rhythm. Much work is done with the so-called "tone deaf" or monotones and by the time the third grade is reached there should be no monotones left.

In the second grade the children are taught to read from the printed page the songs which they have already learned and similar new songs.

From the third grade through the seventh, the children are taught the fundamental principles of music in systematic order. Much attention is given to good tone production. The children should know when they are singing with good tones and when they are not.

One set of the New Progressive Music Series has been placed in the intermediate grades and eventually I hope to have a set of this very thorough and logical method of music reading in every school room.

Some work is given in music appreciation in every grade. This phase of music study is a part of the every day lesson. In addition to the regular voice work I am endeavoring to organize an orchestra in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This team work will be invaluable to the boys and girls.

The work of the High School has pleased me very much since I have come to Mendon. Although the number of pupils is so small, the spirit manifested is one of cooperation and interest.

The work so far has consisted of chorus singing. We need a new piano very much. The present one is in very bad condition which is unfortunate for any chorus.

I wish to thank the superintendent, school committee, and teachers for their hearty cooperation and interest in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH C. THOMPSON,

Supervisor of Music.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE.

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TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

I have the honor to submit the annual report of School Nursing for the year ending December 31, 1921.

No. children examined with Dr. Campbell ..... 75

Result as follows:

Diseased Tonsils and Adenoids ..... 11

Diseased Teeth ..... 30

Enlarged Cervical Glands ..... 3

Anemia ..... 3

St. Vitus Dance ..... 1

Defective Vision ..... 4

No. children examined by Nurse ..... 141

Corrections up to date:

Diseased Teeth ..... 20

Defective Vision ..... 2

No. under treatment:

Enlarged Cervical Glands ..... 3

St. Vitus Dance ..... 1

Anemia ..... 2

50 home visits have been made to secure the parents' co-operation in correction of physical defects.

All schools have been visited every week when possible and various means used to stimulate the child's interest to better health.

Talks to pupils have been given on mouth hygiene, care of the teeth, skin, importance of fresh air and exercise, proper diet, clothing, etc.

Weighing and measuring of the children has also been done

with the result that there are less children under weight this year as compared with the previous one.

Hot lunches are still being served at Albeeville with much success. I am in hopes that in a short time we can have them at the Center School as there are so many children who have to consume a cold lunch.

I should like to recommend here, if it could possibly be arranged, that physical training be added to the school curriculum as it would be of great value in helping to correct the poor postures so numerous and apparent among our school children.

At this time, I wish to thank the school committee, parents, teachers and citizens who have so liberally helped to make this year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE S. BUCK, R. N.

School Nurse.

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#### REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

Number of pupils enrolled in the schools .....	187
Number of pupils examined .....	187
Number of pupils found defective in eyesight .....	7
Number of pupils found defective in hearing .....	2
Number of parents or guardians notified .....	8
Per cent of pupils examined found defective .....	4

## PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-MEMORIAL EXERCISES

## TOWN HALL 1.45.

1. Pledge to the Flag,  
Song, America ..... School
2. Gettysburg Address ..... Aldo Sabatinelli
3. The Blue and the Gray ..... 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades
4. Song, Memorial Day ..... First Grade
5. Memory Day ..... First Grade Girls
6. My Father's Unknown Grave ..... Carrie Miller
7. Great Men ..... Clayton Brown
8. Song, God Save Our Country's Flag .... Grammar School
9. Soldier Boys ..... 1st and 2nd Grades
10. Recitation ..... Six Little Girls
11. You Put No Flowers on My Papa's Grave .. Anna Bartlett
11. Song, Cover Them Over ..... High School
13. The Blue and the Gray in France ..... Three Boys
14. My Own United States ..... Jesse White
15. Strewing Flowers ..... Mary Russo
16. Song, Battle Hymn of the Republic ..... School
17. Britannia to Columbia ..... Alba Sabatinelli
18. Our Starry Flag ..... Second Grade Girls
19. Song, Our Flag ..... Intermediate Room
20. The One Flag ..... Helga Carlstrom
21. Little Patriots ..... Four Boys
22. How the Constitution Saved the Nation.. Grammar School
23. Address ..... Major Pond
24. The Star Spangled Banner ..... All

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1,  
BY AGES APRIL 1, 1922.

Ages	5½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total
Grade																		
I		10	11	2	7	1										10	13	23
II			9	11	3	4										11	17	28
III			1	9	7	7										11	6	17
IV				1	7	6										10	11	21
V					2	6										15	6	21
VI									1							11	14	25
VII									3							8	7	15
VIII									5							4	7	11
Elementary Totals		10	21	23	19	18	20	16	20	10	4					80	81	161
High																		
Freshmen									1	2	2	3				1	7	8
Sophomore											2	6				4	4	8
Junior											1	1					2	2
Senior												3	2	2		4	3	7
Totals for High									1	2	5	13	2	2		9	16	25
Totals		10	21	23	19	18	20	16	21	12	9	13	2	2		89	97	186

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

	Total expenditure for schools per pupil in average membership.	Rank in Group III.	Expenditure from local taxation per pupil in average membership.	Rank in Group III.	Expenditure from local taxation per \$1000 valuation.	Rank in Group III.	Expenditure for teachers' salaries in elementary schools per pupil in average membership.	Expenditure from State reimbursement per pupil in average membership.	Cost per pupil for High School.
Mendon	\$50.42	100	\$36.89	82	\$8.09	51	\$15.73	\$12.72	\$99.06
Average for towns of small valuation in Group III	\$58.44		\$49.87		\$7.33		\$25.51	\$6.83	\$120.12
Average for State	\$57.20		\$50.01		\$5.72		\$45.10	\$6.24	\$106.35

The receipts of the town from the state in behalf of the schools for the coming year should be nearly \$5,000.00. If the town appropriates \$15,000.00 the actual cost of schools to the town would be about \$10,000.00.



## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1920-1921.

Schools	Total Enrollment		Non-Resident	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	No. of Pupils of Age 5 to 7 Years of Age	No. of Pupils of Age 7 to 14 Years of Age	No. of Pupils of Age 14 to 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age	Total No. of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State	No. of Pupils		No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
	Boys	Girls										Boys	Girls		
Center Building High	31	15	0	4488	23.96	26	0	2	19	10	29	14	15	0	92.15
Grades VI, VII, VIII	35	20	15	04943 $\frac{1}{2}$	29.45	32	0	30	5	0	33	19	14	0	97.07
Grades III, IV, V	53	28	25	17297 $\frac{1}{2}$	43.35	46	0	53	0	0	49	26	23	2	94.67
Grades I, II	43	20	23	34772 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.31	31	12	31	0	0	38	18	20	2	90.53
East Building Grades I-VIII	23	13	10	22630	15.38	17	3	17	3	0	18	11	7	2	92.00
Albeeville Grades I-VIII	24	13	11	02959 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.20	20	1	20	3	0	23	12	11	0	87.20
Totals	209	109	100	627091	157.65	172	16	153	30	10	190	100	90	4	92.23



Article 16. To see what action the town will take in compliance with Chapter 48, Section 17 of the General Laws.

Article 17. To see what future action the town will take in relation to clearing the roads of snow.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to fix the wages to be paid for labor on highways; and to fix the number of hours to constitute a day's work, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to regrade Park Street at its approach to the State Highway, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crusher; raise and appropriate any money, or make any provisions for the payment of the same, or act in any way in relation to the purchase of said stone crusher.

Article 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to place new guard rails on highways, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to install new street lights on Bates Street, South Milford, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended on the highways provided the State and County will contribute for the same.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the purpose of furnishing direct transportation between the homes of the school children residing on the Milford Road from the Hopedale Town line to the school, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to sell the land on which the lockup was previously located, or take any action in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon, and causing a copy of the same to be published one time in one of the daily papers, published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen and Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

HERBERT J. GEORGE,  
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,  
P. JOHN HOBERG,  
Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, attest:

ARTHUR E. BROWN,  
Constable of Mendon.



